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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	David Allison Bennett, et al.
Application No.	:	09/684,871
Filed	:	October 6, 2000
Title	:	APPARATUS, SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ONLINE, MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-SERVICE PARCEL SHIPPING MANAGEMENT FEATURING SHIPPING LOCATION COMPARISON ACROSS MULTIPLE CARRIERS
Grp./Div.	:	3629
Examiner	:	Webb, Jamisue A.
Docket No.	:	PSTM0003/MRK

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action regarding the above-identified application, dated December 7, 2004, a final rejection, and in view of the Advisory Action, dated March 7, 2005, a Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith, and consideration of the application in view of the Amendments and the Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested.

According to the Advisory Action, the period for reply expires on the later of: (1.) the March 7, 2005 mailing date of the Advisory Action; or (2.) the date set by the Final Rejection. The date set by the Final Rejection was 3 months from the December 7, 2004 mailing date of the Final Rejection -- which is also March 7, 2005. Therefore, fees due for the filing of an Appeal or a Request for Continued Examination would be based on the March 7, 2005 date.

This Amendment and Response, and the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, are filed on the next business day (Monday, May 9, 2005) following May 7, 2005 (a Saturday), the two-month time period for filing a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, a Petition for an Extension of Time of two (2) months in which to file the Request for Continued Examination and this Amendment and Response, and the required fee, are filed concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Response and Remarks** begin on page 19 of this paper.